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Leggett Discusses FY18 Operating Budget with County Council

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett met with the Montgomery County Council at the County Council building to discuss the key elements of his [recommended Fiscal Year 2018 operating budget](#) that boosts investment in public schools, public safety, business and job-creation, affordable housing, and transit, while holding property taxes at the charter limit. County Executive Leggett released his budget on March 14; however the meeting that usually accompanies the [release](#) was delayed due to a winter storm. During the next two months, the Council will review all aspects of the recommended budget and make changes if it believes they are needed. The Council is scheduled to adopt the FY18 operating budget in late May. [Watch the video of the meeting](#).

County Council to hold 5 Public Hearings on Recommended FY18 Operating Budget on April 4, 5 and 6

County Executive Ike Leggett presented his recommended operating budget to the Council on March 14. Over the next two months, the Council and its six committees will analyze the recommendations and will adopt the FY18 County budget in late May. The budget will take effect on July 1.

The public hearings will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4; at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5; and at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. All hearings will be held in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville.

The hearings will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and also will be available via streaming through the Council web site at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

The number of speaker spots available for the public hearings is limited. Those interested in testifying can sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/hl3mpdx> or by calling 240-777-7803.

For residents who speak a language other than English, special arrangements for interpretation services can be made for either those testifying or those attending. Arrangements must be made at least 48 hours in advance at 240-777-7931.

Comments and suggestions are welcome online at <http://tinyurl.com/zrbwh5v>; via email at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov; via regular mail to: County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850; or by calling the Council budget hotline at 240-777-7802.

Information on the budget can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mp2o2gj> or by going to the County Council web page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council and clicking on "Operating and CIP Budgets."



Saturday, March 25 11:00am-2:00pm
Ovid Hazen Wells Park
12001 Skylark Road, Clarksburg

Job Search Strategies Workshop
Friday, March 31 11:00am - 1:00pm
Germantown Library
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

Come to this workshop and learn about networking (in-person and LinkedIn), contacting associations, using the web efficiently for research, doing volunteer work, identifying openings, targeting your search for positions and other social media techniques. These strategies will maximize your chances of landing a job and allow you to continue to build your skills and marketability. Melissa Fireman, CEO of Washington Career Services, will present this workshop.

Register Now at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library Click on Calendar Events for March 31.

To request sign language interpretation or other deaf/hard of hearing services for library-sponsored programs, email MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov, preferably with three business days' notice. To request other accommodations, contact the Germantown Library at 240-777-0110.

CREATING TRANSFORMATIVE CONNECTIONS FOR YOUTH
Monday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 4 8:00am-4:30pm
Universities at Shady Grove
Building 2, Rooms: Germantown/Rockville/Potomac
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville

This year the Collaboration Council is focusing on growing and building our Community of Practice (CoP) with Youth Development Practitioners in Montgomery County. Join them for their 2017 Annual Symposium where they will help you to create transformative connections for youth through interactive workshops and panel discussions. This event comes at no cost to participants with the exception of a \$10 daily Universities at Shady Grove parking fee. A light continental breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be provided!

Workshops on April 3rd will include:

- Join the Community of Practice Online: A Hands on Demonstration and Registration
- Infusing Youth Development Principles in Programs for Disconnected Youth
- Introduction to the Youth Development Practitioner Core Competencies Toolkit
- Making Transformative Connections with Immigrant Youth
- Participatory Action Research (PAR) for the Curious
- Creating Connections with LGBTQIA Youth

Topics on April 4th, co-sponsored with My Brother's Keeper, will focus on mentoring and feature:

A Youth Panel Q&A "Perspectives of Montgomery County's Young People" and a presentation on The Elements of Effective Mentoring Practices, presented by: The National Mentoring Partnership

- An overview of "The State of Mentoring in Montgomery County"
- Featured experts in Mentoring Best Practices and Standards

Note: There are two workshop times on April 3rd. 11:00-12:30 and 1:30-3:00. April 4th does not have breakout workshops.



For more information, and to register, please [click here](#).

Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection Launches “Language Friendly Hours” to Enhance Outreach Efforts

Montgomery County's Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) is initiating a new outreach program to make it easier for non-English speaking individuals to contact OCP if they have a consumer protection question or problem or if they have questions regarding the licensing and registration programs administered by the OCP.

Get details at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19881

CALLING ALL GLOBAL CITIZENS!





Join County Executive Ike Leggett and the Board Members of Montgomery Sister Cities at the

ANNUAL MEETING

Connecting Our Community to the World

Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6-8 p.m.
Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza



Montgomery County's edge in the 21st century global marketplace is that we are a talent magnet for people from across the country and around the world. Join us on March 30 as we celebrate the diverse cultures and cuisines that make Montgomery special. To strengthen your cultural competence as a 21st Century Global Citizen, come and learn more about Montgomery's wonderful Sister Cities in Morazán, El Salvador; Gondar, Ethiopia; Xi'an, China; and Hyderabad, India.

County Seeks Volunteers for Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Montgomery County's Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking individuals interested in helping to enhance the quality of life for nursing home residents as long-term care advocates with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Volunteers will be assigned to make regular visits to residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities at convenient locations throughout Montgomery County. Ombudsmen representatives work to promote the highest quality of life for residents in nursing home settings and help to resolve problems.

For details, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19896

Call for Exhibitors for Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) Design for Life Showcase

Exhibitor registration is open for Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) Design for Life Showcase. There is no fee for exhibitors. The Design for Life Showcase is a free event, open to the public to view accessible design features and homes.

The expo is Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building located at 1 Veteran Place.

For more information, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19909

Leggett Announces "Flash" as Winning Name for Bus Rapid Transit System

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett today announced that "Flash" is the winner in the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) contest to select a name for the new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System. MCDOT's two-month contest provided residents the opportunity to choose from three suggested names or propose their own, and "Flash" received the most votes.

Read more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19906



Montgomery County's Transit Services Division Ride On Feedback Survey

[Tell Ride On how it's doing with this customer survey.](#)

(Click on link)



Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz to host Free Senior Safety Forum and Resource Fair

Friday, April 7 9:30am
Rockville Senior Center
1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville

*State's Attorney John McCarthy, Consumer Protection Director Eric Friedman
and Gretchen Zekiel of Volunteer Center to be among speakers*

The program will focus on protecting seniors from scams, addressing signs of elder abuse and neglect and promoting ways that seniors can contribute to the community through volunteering. It will be accompanied by an informational resource fair showcasing a wide range of service providers to seniors.

For more information on the forum, contact Lindsay Hoffman in the Office of Councilmember Katz at 240-777-7817 or at lindsay.hoffman@montgomerycountymd.gov. Also see the press release for more information, http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19878



50+ Employment Expo
Monday, April 3 10:00am-3:00pm
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland

Be sure not to miss Keynote Speaker: Jim Handly: anchors News4 at 5 and News4 at 11. Handly joined News4 in 1992 and served as the first anchor for the weekend editions of News4 Today.

Easy access via the metro redline — White Flint metro stop. [Download Flyer](#) for details!

Montgomery County Public Libraries' Quince Orchard Branch to Close for Refresh Project

Montgomery County Public Libraries has announced the closing dates for the Quince Orchard and White Oak branches refresh projects. A "refresh" project gives library buildings significant and timely updates without having to close for the amount of time it takes for a full renovation. The Library Refurbishment CIP funds programmatic and service impact updates to two to three libraries every year. Partial funding for both the Quince Orchard and White Oak projects was provided by the County Library Capital Grant Program, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services.

Both branches will close on Saturday, April 15, at 6:00pm; they will be open that last day from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Both branches will be closed for approximately six months so the facilities can be refreshed. Plans are to re-open the branches in the fall of 2017.

Residents are encouraged to visit nearby branches and the Public Libraries Department's 24/7 website while the facilities are undergoing the refresh process.

Please check the home page for each branch (<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/quinceorchard.html> or <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/whiteoak.html>) in April for additional information about the closing, including the last date for book returns in the book drop.

For further information, contact Rita Gale at 240 777-0022 or rita.gale@montgomerycountymd.gov.



DHCA is Enhancing Even More Focus on Tenant Rights

In the context of new tenant protections that took effect recently, the Montgomery County [Department of Housing and Community Affairs \(DHCA\)](#) is leveraging its additional authority and resources to ratchet up efforts to inform and protect tenants.

- Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/tenantrights for more information.
- [Press Release](#).
- [Bill 19-15](#).

Middle Eastern American Heritage Month's Celebration of Spring!

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett joined County Council President Roger Berliner, the Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships and the Middle Eastern American Advisory Group to celebrate the third annual Middle Eastern American Heritage Month Celebration of Spring event. The festivities included displays featuring the cultures of Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, and Turkey. Guest speaker included Rumi Scholar Dr. Nasser Saadat-Lajevardi and the performers were One Circle, Faris El-Layl Dabke, and the Nomad Dancers. To see more pictures from the event, please go to our [Flickr site](#).

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>